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The daughter of John Gage Lecky, a colonel in the Gordon Highlanders, one of the British Army's crack regiments, Mrs. Hall at 53 personifies the ideals of duty that have long been fostered by her predominantly military family. As the youngest of five children and the only Lecky daughter, she learned how to get along with four pigtail-pulling brothers, how to make cooperative effort pay dividends, how to complete tough assignments without asking for help. Marrying in 1918, when World War I brought her English husband to her native island, she first saw New Jersey in 1919 and spent her first 14 American years in near-by Cranford.

From 1933 until 1940, before the pressure of world conflict and her desire to help others lifted her into the community spotlight, she averaged some 50,000 miles a year at the wheel of an automobile, driving Mr. Hall, a farm consultant, up and down the Atlantic seaboard from Maine to South Carolina. Her record of no accidents in covering a distance equal to twelve trips around the world was a harbinger of her success in piloting local war relief agencies through the hectic war years. Entries on her war service record include the chairmanship of the British War Relief, participation in all civilian defense activities for which she was eligible, responsibility for putting clothing and salvage drives over the top, whole-hearted support of numerous other worthwhile undertakings.

For giving Princeton a shining instance of what a volunteer worker can accomplish in the face of emergency conditions; for her determination to help heal what war has stricken; for inspiring in others her faith in "The Center" as an important factor in community life; she is TOWN TOPICS' candidate for

**PRINCETON'S  
WOMAN OF THE WEEK  
May 12-18, 1946**

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### Topics of the Town

#### Twin Housing Projects Move Forward.

At diagonally opposite points of Princeton this week the pace is increasing in the stubborn battle against the long-acute housing shortage. Slated for demolition in the next few days is "Stanworth," the 69-year-old stone residence on the spacious Sloane estate. It will be the first major sign of progress in the \$1,000,000 project assigned to this area.

Two miles and more to the southeast, a part of the Township is being rezoned to make way for 250 temporary housing units in which as many married veterans enrolled in Princeton University will soon find living quarters. On the Devereux Memorial Polo Field (and adjacent property near the Robert Wicks' homestead), the University will install homes furnished it by the FHA. Occupancy is expected by the start of the Fall term in late September.

**OPApproved.** Continuation of OPA controls in their present form for another 12 months is wanted by four out of five Princetonians. So says the up and coming Princeton chapter of the American Veterans Committee which Saturday morning conducted a straw vote on the question.

For accuracy's sake the straw vote (in which 616 ballots were cast on Nassau Street despite sleet and rain) was followed by a scientifically conducted poll that reached a cross-section of all Princeton homes. When statistician John F. Maloney, former Gallup aide and now with the research department of the Curtis Publishing Company, toted

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## Calendar of the Week

### Saturday, May 11th

- 12:30 p.m.: Golf: Princeton University vs. M. I. T., Springdale Golf Club.  
2:30 p.m.: Baseball: Princeton University vs. Villanova, University Field.  
Tennis: Princeton University vs. Dartmouth, Church Courts.

### Sunday, May 12th

- 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a. m.: Mass at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.  
10:00 a.m.: Princeton United Meeting, Society of Friends, School of Public and International Affairs Building, University Campus.  
11:00 a.m.:  
Sermon, the Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Kinsolving, Trinity Episcopal Church.  
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Sermon, the Rev. William T. Parker, First Baptist Church.

Sermon, the Rev. Thomas A. Jenkins, Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church.  
Sermon, the Rev. James S. Brown, Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. Church.

University Chapel Service, Dean Robert R. Wicks, University Chapel.

4:00 p.m.: 16th Annual Elizabeth Milbank Anderson Memorial Concert, Bryn Mawr College Glee Club and Princeton University Choir, University Chapel.

7:00 p.m.: "What do we mean by saying that the Bible is the word of God," Dr. Allan MacRae, auspices of Princeton Youth League, Second Presbyterian Church.

7:30 p.m.: Sermon, the Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Kinsolving; Choral Evensong; Trinity Episcopal Church.

8:00 p.m.: "Triumphant Joy," the Rev. Dr. Niles, First Presbyterian Church.  
Evening Service, First Baptist Church.  
Evening Service, Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church.

8:15 p.m.: Evening Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

### Monday, May 13th

9:00 a.m.: Opening of Princeton's Emergency Food Collection, as part of national food collections for starving peoples abroad; collection center at Community Service Center, 130 Nassau Street.

10:00 a.m.: Registration and physical examination for young children entering Witherspoon School in September, 1946. Witherspoon School.

### Tuesday, May 14th

10:00 a.m.: Registration and physical examination for young children entering Elementary School in September, 1946; Elementary School.

3:15 p.m.: Baseball: Princeton H. S. vs. Pennington H. S., High School Athletic Field

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## News of the Theatres

### The Playhouse

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**The Postman Always Rings Twice** (Sunday through Wednesday) is another rough-tough yarn which packs enough dynamite to cover up its minor but obvious flaws. Synthetic dialogue and poor continuity go unnoticed in the exciting, well-acted drama about a tramp and a siren who find her husband complicating their plans. John Garfield and Lana Turner are teamed here.

**So Goes My Love** (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) stars Myrna Loy and Don Ameche in a sugar-sweet romance about a girl who left Boston in 1867 to look for a husband in Brooklyn. When not overly coy, the picture has its moments of charm captured in a slow but well-told story.

### The Garden

**Song of Arizona** (Friday, Saturday). Roy Rogers and Gabby Hayes shoot it out with a gang of bank robbers in this musical western. A satisfactory film of its kind.

**A Night in Paradise** (All Week), being a Technicolor fantasy set in 850 B.C., with a lovely princess, rich King Croesus and Aesop the Fable Man as the central characters. Merle Oberon and Turhan Bey head the cast in a picture that is pretty good fun.

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Frazee .....	16	11
Brophys .....	12	18
Squatters .....	10	20
Kings Inn .....	9	21

##### Girls League

	W.	L.
Pin Ups .....	29	16
Woodpeckers .....	25	20
Roll O .....	25	20
Rockettes .....	23	22
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Firecrackers .....	13	22

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## TOPICS OF THE TOWN

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up his last ballot in this survey, the result proved to be virtually the same as the straw vote. New Jersey's Congressmen have been told by the AVC of Princeton's overwhelming support of continued price control.

**Joint Planning Board Nearer.** A resolution expressing intentions of cooperating with the Borough in creating a joint planning board was passed at the Township Committee meeting this week. Next meeting of the three-man governing body (B. Franklin Bunn, chairman; Albert Salzman, William T. White) is scheduled for May 27. Backers of the project have hopes that the Borough

Council may also meet that night, with each municipality introducing an ordinance creating such a board. Simultaneously, the Borough would also repeal its existing planning unit.

All veterans in this area who seek information on benefits offered by the G. I. Bill may now have their questions answered every Thursday at the Community Service Center . . . Edward R. Hoffman will represent the Veterans Administration there from 10-1 and 2-5 . . . the debate over the location for the new firehouse has quieted down because of the great scarcity of building materials, bricks among them.

The slow but steady westward trek of the Joseph Henry House makes interesting watching for sidewalk superintendents along the south side of Nassau Street . . . nearly two score universities and museums in this country and Canada will receive specimens of the 175 million year-old fossils found in the library excavation . . . seems the "Osteopleurus newarki" (small fish to you and me) were among the best ever located in the western hemisphere . . . workmen in the big pit had contests to see who could find the best specimens for Princeton's geologists.

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**Early American Gift Boxes.** The two well-known Shulton scents, Old Spice and Friendship Garden, can be found at Thorne's Drug Store on Nassau Street in combinations more gaily packaged than ever. Among the soaps, colognes and powders, a particularly appealing gift selection is a box of individual bath salts, each in its own decorative cylinder, made for hanging beside the tub in handy and attractive style. Prices of these appropriate Mother's Day gift ideas start at 75 cents.

**Aluminumware.** Any size or shape from candy dishes to meat platters. For mothers who appreciate the practicality of aluminum and can always use something new and decorative around the house, Zavelle's on Palmer Square has a wide selection from \$1.75.

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8:00 p.m.: May Meeting of Borough Council, Borough Hall.

8:30 p.m.: Opening of Princeton Campaign for United Jewish Appeal; principal speakers, Dr. Frank Adeyotte and Dr. Albert Einstein, Nassau Tavern.

**Wednesday, May 15th**

8:00 p.m.: Mid-Week Service, Methodist Church.

"Infallible Proofs of the Resurrection," the Rev. Dr. Niles, First Presbyterian Church.

Prayer and Class, Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church.

8:15 p.m.: Opening of Princeton Theatre Intime's Spring Revue, Murray Theater, University Campus.

Mid-Week Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Mid-Week Service, First Presbyterian Church.

**Thursday, May 16th**

6:15 p.m.: Baseball: Twin-M League: Princeton vs. Adams, Brokaw Field, University Campus.

8:15 p.m.: Princeton Theatre Intime, Spring Revue, Murray Theater, University Campus.

**Friday, May 17th**

Opening of Princeton University's Spring Houseparty Weekend.

3:15 p.m.: Baseball: Princeton H. S. vs. N. J. School for Deaf, High School Athletic Field.

4:00 p.m.: Tennis: Princeton University vs. U. S. Military Academy, Church Courts.

8:15 p.m.: Princeton Theatre Intime, Spring Revue, Murray Theater, University Campus.

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Winners in a drawing, proceeds from which went to the upkeep of Stratford Hall, birthplace of Robert E. Lee, were Mrs. P. W. Yeatman, Mrs. Wells Covington, Miss Ann St. George, Mrs. William Goldsmith, Mrs. Ferdinand R. White and William Wallower . . . to the winners, including Bachelor Wallower of the Graduate College, went two pairs of nylons.

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